programmes to cut short the delay in taking off the projects; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) After discussing the issue in various fora including the State Forest Minister's Conference held during February, 1992, it was decided to further decentralise and streamline examination of proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, Forest (Conservation) Rules, 1981 have been suitably amended on 21.5.1992 and revised consolidated guidelines for examination of proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been issued on 25.10.1992. Revised consolidated guidelines interalia include delegation of powers to Regional Chief Conservator of Forests to finally decide proposals involving diversion of forest land upto 5 ha. excluding proposals in respect of regularisation of encroachments and mining and initial examination of all proposals involving diversion of forest land upto 20 ha.

Funds Donated by Institutions under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

1659. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been donated by the A.S.U./Financial Institutions under the Ministry to any Foundation or Institution connected with late Indira Gandhi and Rajeev Gandhi during the past four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of donations made to any other body/voluntary institutions under the Ministry during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. ONGC donated a sum of Rs.1 lakh to the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation during 1991-92. A sum of US Dollars 2,500 was also donated by ONGC to the US Chapter of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Washington in April, 1995.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meeting the Demand of Petroleum Products through Domestic Production

1660. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise percentage of the demand regarding Petrol and Petroleum products during the last three years which was met through indigenous production;

(b) what estimates have been reckoned for the year 2001;

(c) whether Government are taking any firm steps for assigning oil producing projects to private sector in order to increase the indigenous production; and

(d) what steps have been taken to preserve the petroleum products in order to meet the country's requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The percentage of demand of petrol and petroleum products met through indigenous production during the last three years was as under:—